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COR - 0794

30 March 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Plans)
THROUGH : Acting Chief, DPD
SUBJECT : CORONA

1. BMD has asked to meet with you without LMSD and I agree in the wisdom of this at this time.
2. In addition to the current status of the program, the following may be discussed:

A. 1961 Program

I have invited [] to be present and from all concerned we should get a better estimate of present status.

B. 1961 Camera

As you know, I feel that we should have the benefit of the design thinking of Eastman and Fairchild as well as ITEK, and that we should give the work to the winning designer. LMSD has been asked to request designs from all three (ITEK's design has been received) but LMSD has not made the request and wishes to discuss the question with you. I feel that we should discuss the question first with BMD and []. Attached is a memo from [] supporting the competitive course of action, which is the action I recommend.

C. Slipping GRD cover shot downstream

All concerned recommend this action. (See attached memo by [])

D. Competition between ARGON and CORONA during the summer

- The first ARGON launch will be 2 August at the earliest. They must start by September on account of sun-line problems. The necessary end state will be picked during the session earlier in the day.
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Preparation:

CH/DPD-DD/ []

Attachments:

1. COR-0792-60 dtd 29 Mar 1960
2. COR-0793-60 dtd 28 Mar 1960

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